

Appl. No.: 10/671,301
Amdt. dated 11/09/2005
Reply to Office action of August 9, 2005

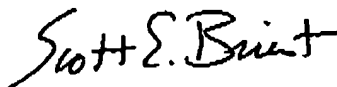
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Examiner has rejected Claims 26, 28, 29, 31, 36, 37, 39, 40 as being unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. 102 as being anticipated by Lane, and has rejected Claims 20 and 21 under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being unpatentable over Webster in view of Lane. In addition, the Examiner has rejected 36-42 and 44-53 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph for various technical reasons, and has rejected Claim 43 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph on the basis that "there is no recited structure associated with the drive assembly." The Examiner has allowed Claims 1-19 and 32-35, and has objected to Claims 22, 23, 24, 25, 27, 30, 38, 41, 42, 44, 45, 46, 47, and 48-53 as being dependent upon rejected base claims.

Applicants very much appreciate the Examiner's careful examination of the application. In response to the Official Action, applicants have: (1) canceled Claims 20, 21, 26, 28, 29, 31, 36, 37, 39, 40, and 43; (2) amended Claims 36 and 42 to address the technical issues noted by the Examiner on Page 2 of the official action; and (3) have rewritten Claims 22, 23, 24, 25, 27, 30, 38, 41, 42, 44, 45, 46, 47, and 48-53 so that they no longer depend on any rejected claim. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is now in condition for allowance.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

Respectfully submitted,



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